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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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California Air National Guard Supports Response to Mexico Earthquake

The California Air National Guard's 147th Combat Communications Squadron from San Diego is supporting emergency response to yesterday's 7.4 magnitude earthquake that struck near Acapulco, Mexico. The unit is utilizing Eagle Vision III to take imagery from multiple satellites, developing advanced incident awareness, assessment, and mission planning for U.S. humanitarian response. The 147th Combat Communications Squadron is working closely with the U.S. Geological Survey to provide timely satellite imagery to Mexican authorities.

As its name suggests, Eagle Vision provides an "eagle's eye" view of the Earth from space. It uses several ground stations to retrieve real-time imagery, and has aided in disaster relief and humanitarian efforts during several California wildfires and Hurricane Katrina. The ability to provide timely imagery to incident commanders and civil agencies greatly improves response times from days to hours.

The 147th Combat Communications Squadron's primary function in peacetime is the provision of emergency communications and other needed assistance during state-declared emergencies. The squadron has proudly served in Bosnia, Columbia Denmark, Dutch Antilles, El Salvador, England, Germany, Guam, Haiti, Hawaii, Honduras, Italy, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Panama, Puerto Rico, Peru, Turkey, Ukraine, and the Virgin Islands.

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Eagle Vision Satellite



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